

GOATS and KIDS



The New England goat and kid inventory on January 1, 2010, totaled 27,650 head, an increase of 3,800 head from the previous year. Milk goats were the top type on hand in New England the first of the year, with inventory surpassing meat goats for the first time since 2006. Milk goats totaled 13,500 head, an increase of 3,000 head from the previous year. Meat and other goats totaled 13,000 head, up 900 head from 2009. Angora goats, at 1,150 head, were down 100 head from 2009.

2009. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.53 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. All market goats and kids totaled 518,000 head, down 2 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2010, meat and all other goats totaled 2.54 million head, down slightly from 2009. Milk goat inventory increased 6 percent to 355,000 head, while Angora goats were down 19 percent, totaling 150,000 head. The 2009 kid crop totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, down 1 percent from 2008. Mohair production during 2009 was 1.01 million pounds, down 14.5 percent from the previous year. Goats and kids clipped totaled 160,500 head. Mohair price was \$2.66 per pound, down from \$3.31 per pound in 2008.

Total goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2010, totaled 3.04 million head, down 1 percent from

NEW ENGLAND GOATS and KIDS: Inventory by Type and Total Inventory, January 1, 2005 – 2010 ¹

Year	Angora Goats	Milk Goats	Meat & Other Goats	Total All Goats
Head				
New England ²				
2005	1,300	11,300	10,000	22,600
2006	1,200	11,400	9,500	22,100
2007	1,100	9,000	12,100	22,200
2008	1,300	12,000	14,000	27,300
2009	1,250	10,500	12,100	23,850
2010	1,150	13,500	13,000	27,650

¹ Data not available prior to 2005.

² Individual State values unavailable. New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

